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SUBJECT: UNJUSTIFIED REQUIREMENTS OF THE KUWAIT EMBASSY
IN JAPAN TO VISA US PASSPORTS

1. RECENTLY, DEPARTMENT RECEIVED A LETTER FROM AN IRATE AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN WHO CLAIMED HE HAD BEEN FORCED BY THE KUWAITI EMBASSY IN JAPAN TO SECURE A SWORN NOTARIAL CERTIFICATION FROM THE US EMBASSY OF THE VALIDITY OF HIS US PASSPORT BEFORE THE KUWAITI EMBASSY WOULD VISA IT. THE BUSINESSMAN FOUND THIS PROCESS AN UNJUSTIFIED IMPOSITION SINCE HIS US PASSPORT CLEARLY INDICATED ITS CONTINUED VALIDITY. HE DEMANDED THAT THE USG TAKE ACTION TO ELIMINATE THE KUWAITI REQUIREMENT.

2. KUWAITI EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON DENIES ALL KNOWLEDGE OF SUCH A REQUIREMENT FOR A KUWAITI VISA AND SUGGESTS THAT THE PERSON WRITING TO THE DEPARTMENT WAS A CRANK. SINCE THE BUSINESSMAN WROTE TO DEPARTMENT ON HIS COMPANY'S STATIONERY AND INCLUDED A COPY OF A NOTARIAL FROM EMBASSY TOKYO, HE WOULD SEEM TO BE MAKING A BONA FIDE COMPLAINT.

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3. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPT REQUESTS EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN
RESOLVING THIS DILEMMA. DOES THE KUWAIT EMBASSY IN TOKYO
REQUIRE A NOTARIAL CERTIFICATION OF THE VALIDITY OF US PASS-

PORTS FROM US CITIZENS APPLYING FOR KUWAITI VISAS, OR NOT?
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